

SWOSU PLC Spends Evening With Governor Henry

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Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry poses for pictures with the SWOSU President's Leadership Class, which spent a recent evening at the Governor's Mansion in Oklahoma City. Members of the SWOSU class are (from left): Haley Wilson, Clinton; Courtney McElroy, Frederick; Pamela Hough, Clinton; Sarah Yates, Mangum; Kent Abernathy, Cordell; Evan Brooks, Elk City; Jordan Pettitt, Bethany; Allen Deak, Mustang; Governor Brad Henry; Kevin Leedy, Weatherford; Neal Kennedy, Calumet; Kaisa Fischer, Weatherford; Courtney Garcia, Navajo; Tyler Deckard, Yukon; Joice Jose, Oklahoma City; Lindsey Liebscher, Hydro; Brady Redd, Elk City and Madison Cabaniss, Arapaho.

Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry addresses the SWOSU President's Leadership Class. In the foreground are SWOSU President John Hays and wife Linda Hays.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University students in the President's Leadership Class on the Weatherford campus had a unique experience on October 16.

The 17 students spent the evening at the Governor's Mansion in Oklahoma City with several elected state officials including Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry, who spent over one hour of his time talking to the students on leadership skills and answering questions by the students.

The event was part of the SWOSU President's Leadership Class, led by Randy Beutler, assistant to the president at SWOSU.

"It was an extraordinary evening for our students," SWOSU President John Hays said. "Not many students get to experience an intimate evening with the governor of Oklahoma and other high-ranking state officials."

In addition to the talk by Governor Henry, the class, along with several corporate sponsors and SWOSU administrators, had dinner in the Phillips Pavilion at the Governor's Mansion.

Other state officials who attended the dinner included: Supreme Court Justice Yvonne Kauger; State Treasurer Scott Meacham; Oklahoma Higher Education Chancellor Glen Johnson; Secretary of Agriculture Terry Peach; Secretary of Veterans Affairs Norman Lamb; State Senator Mike Schulz; and Regional University System of Oklahoma Regents Chair Belva Howard.

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